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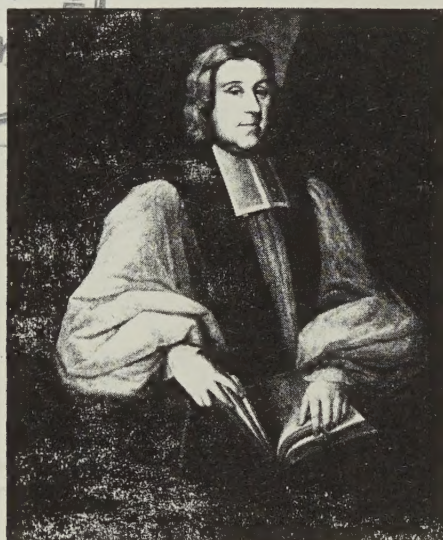
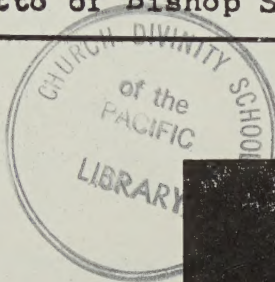
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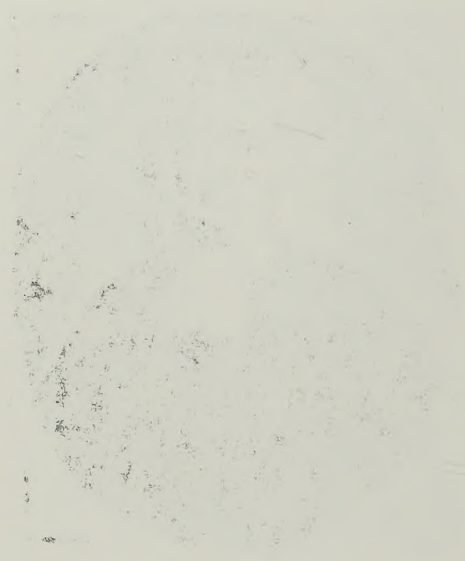
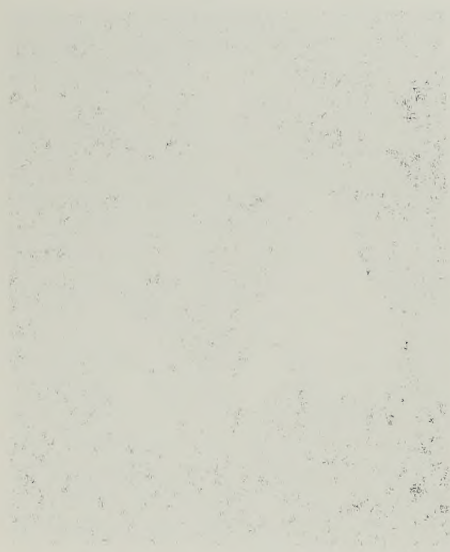


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THE EPISCOPAL CHURCHES OF EARLY GRANBY

By WILLIAM M. MALTBY

The area around the ancient church of St. Andrew's, now a part of Bloomfield but in old times called "Scotland," was in the early eighteenth century within the town of Simsbury. Prior to 1740, a controversy arose among Simsbury Congregationalists as to the location of a new meeting house they were going to build. It was finally decided to locate it at the site of the present Simsbury Congregational Church, which meant, for the residents of Scotland desiring to attend that church, a long trek over mountain and river. On Dec. 16, 1740, therefore, six of the residents solemnly warned their Congregational brethren that in view of the hardship it would mean to them, they could not continue in that church, that they had long cherished the Church of England, that they claimed the right to worship as they would, that they would not pay taxes for the construction of the church at Simsbury, and that they protested against any effort to force them to do so. While in these circumstances is found the immediate reason for their withdrawal from the Simsbury Society, it is traditional that as early as 1732 there was an informal society of Episcopalians composed of persons living in and around Scotland—that they had got together timbers to build a church and had sought to secure a minister. In fact, thirty-two persons signed a petition to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, in London, asking that a minister be sent to them.

As a result, the Society, about 1744, despatched as a minister or missionary to the people of Scotland and surrounding areas the Rev. William Gibbs. In that year he organized St. Andrew's Church, and its house of worship was built near the spot where St. Andrew's now stands—in North Bloomfield. Within the field of his ministry was all the town of Granby, which was then a part of Simsbury, and regions to the south and west. He and his parishioners suffered divers persecutions. These culminated about 1754 in his arrest for refusing to pay taxes for the support of the Congregational ministry and his being transported to the jail at Hartford, thrown over the back of a horse with his hands and feet tied beneath the body. He never recovered from this experience and thereafter was able to do little to carry on his work. His ministry resulted not only in the establishment of St. Andrew's Church but also in gathering together a group of his followers who organized a church called St. Ann's, in Salmon Brook, now in the town of Granby. The Rev. Samuel Peters, of Hebron—that royalist clergyman who, returning to England, wrote a scathing but sometimes very amusing attack upon Connecticut—in a letter states that in 1762 he preached the first sermon delivered in St. Ann's.*

In 1763, the Rev. Roger Viets, a graduate of Yale who had been a lay reader at St. Andrew's and who had gone to England for ordination to the priesthood, returned to become Rector of St. Andrew's. It is interesting to note that in a letter written about the time of his return he signed himself as "Asst. to Mr. Gibbs." He was much more than a rector of one church; he was a missionary whose field of service embraced not only Simsbury, then including Granby, but a large area to the north and west. St. Ann's church was in his special care, and in the long lists of baptisms and other rites performed by him as they appear in his records are numerous entries concerning St. Ann's. As early as 1763, he records baptisms performed at "St. Ann's Ch., Salmonbrook" and in that same year notes a communion service in that church in which twenty-four persons were participants.

After Mr. Viets began his ministrations, it is worth noting that whereas at the first four communion services at St. Andrew's the average number of communicants was about eleven, at the first four communions at St. Ann's it averaged about nineteen. Attendants came from points as distant as Granville, Massachusetts. In an early report Mr. Viets states that he was giving one-quarter of his time to St. Ann's. His "Records" are apparently an incomplete recital of his services, because the entries after 1776 are few and lack continuity. Mr. Viets and his parishioners at times undoubtedly received unkind treatment at the hands of their Congregational neighbors. He once was jailed for eight days because he had invaded the exclusive functions of Congregational ministers to per-


form marriages. During the Revolution he was inclined to side with the royalists, was arrested on a charge of aiding the escape of certain of them, was confined in the underground prison at Newgate, was later taken to the county jail at Hartford, and was for a time in irons. He continued to carry on his ministry, however, until 1787, when he was transferred by the S.P.G. to a pastorate in Nova Scotia.

No record has been found to indicate the location of St. Ann's Church other than that it was in the village of Salmon Brook. It is, however, a reasonable assumption that it stood at the site later occupied by St. Peter's church, and, indeed, it seems apparent that St. Peter's was a successor to St. Ann's. The construction of St. Peter's was begun in 1792, only five years after Mr. Viets left his Connecticut pastorate, and it was completed by the addition of a steeple in 1800. It stood on Salmon Brook Street South, about where the building of the Granby Library now stands. A former resident now deceased, Mrs. Franklyn (Holcomb) Loomis, has given the following description of the building: It was thirty-five feet wide, fifty-eight feet long and thirty feet to the ridge pole; the steeple was twenty-five feet high; there were two aisles, with a double row of pews in the center and pews at the sides and in a gallery; "the pews on the main floor were high with seats all around, [with] panel doors and a little spindle rail about six inches high around the pews and on the doors"—[a description which indicates that the pews were of the box type, each with a door]; "a high and handsome pulpit; all very ornate and handsome." It had a pipe organ built by Peter Jenner Jewett, who lived almost across the way, and it was played by him.

In 1789, St. Peter's was set off from St. Andrew's as a separate parish, but it evidently did not prove strong enough to stand alone. In 1803, an agreement was entered into by the two parishes. Mr. Heald speaks warmly of the truly Christian spirit which permeated that document. It provided, among other things, that "In order to perpetuate that unity and brotherly love which has for so many years so happily existed in this society, it is agreed that the two shall support but one incumbent and neither shall have power to settle or dismiss a minister without the major vote of the other." When a little later the Rev. Asa Cornwall came as the minister of the two churches, it was agreed that he would give an equal time to each.

No records of St. Peter's church are known to exist except those of the Rev. Ransom Warner, who, settling in Simsbury in 1823, became rector of St. Andrew's and St. Peter's. He continued in that position until 1832, then served elsewhere for some four years, and returned to Simsbury, continuing his ministry there until his death in 1856. At least for a time he served at St. Peter's two Sundays each month. Mr. Warner's records include lists of baptisms, marriages, and burials; but they do not indicate to any considerable extent the parishes in which they were performed. That St. Peter's was a thriving parish is indicated by the fact that in 1829 [?] it had sixty children in its Sunday school, with twelve teachers. A number of the leading parishioners, however, joined the great migration to the West; and in Tariffville, which had become a thriving manufacturing town, Trinity Church, which had been established, drew away some who had been regular communicants at St. Peter's. Services at St. Peter's became intermittent in the 1840's and probably ceased by 1852. The church was finally stricken from the roll of parishes in 1852.

Beginning at least as early as 1827, Granby town meetings were regularly held in "St. Peter's Church House," and this continued into the late 1860's. In fact, after religious services ceased to be held in the church, the town seems to have taken over the building. In 1852, it was voted in town meeting that the selectmen, at the expense of the town, should shingle it and repair the windows. The Hartford County Atlas of 1868 designates the building as "Town House" and "Town Hall." Other uses were made of the building, such as the holding of fairs, and the exclamation of Mrs. Loomis seems appropriate: "Chickens in the beautiful box pews, pumpkins and vegetables." In 1845, the steeple was removed. The pipe organ was sold and removed to the First Congregational Church in North Granby.



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Finally, in 1870, the building was sold at auction and brought the price of \$49.50. No deed to St. Peter's of the land on which it stood has been found. It was squarely upon the line between the properties upon each side. The original Granby Library Association secured the site by two quitclaim deeds, from adjoining property owners, exactly alike, except that one conveyed land north of a line through the center of the lot and the other, land south of that line. The Library Association erected a rather large two-story building for use as an academy and library. When the South Congregational Church was organized in Salmon Brook in the 1870's, it conducted its services on the first floor, and finally, in 1886, bought the building. It was burned about 1918, and the present library, church and parish house were built.

* In his foreword to The Records of Roger Viets, A. C. Bates attributes the establishment of St. Ann's to Mr. Viets. This not only is contrary to the statement by Mr. Peters that he preached in the church before Mr. Viets returned from England in 1763, but it is disproved by the fact that Mr. Viets, almost at once on becoming rector of St. Andrew's in 1763, began to administer the rites of baptism and communion at "St. Ann's Church, Salmonbrook," showing that the church must have been already in existence at that time. The Rev. Mr. Heald, in his anniversary sermon, says that "the church designated as St. Ann's, built in the northern part of the town under the ministry of Mr. Viets, was abandoned and another erected in Salmon Brook." But for reasons already given, St. Ann's was not established by Mr. Viets, and the "town" referred to in the statement ["northern part of the town"] no doubt referred to Simsbury, of which the area now comprising the town of Granby then formed the northern part. Mr. Viets, in referring in his records to "St. Ann's Ch., Salmonbrook", definitely places it in the village then and now known by that name near the southern boundary of Granby. Principal sources: Nelson H. Burr, The Story of a Country Parish; A History of St. Andrew's, North Bloomfield [an undated document in the Connecticut State Library, prepared for the 200th anniversary of the church, ca. 1944, according to a newspaper clipping lying in the same envelope]; J. E. Heald, Historical Sermon Preached at St. Andrew's April 8, 1866; A. C. Bates, Records of Rev. Roger Viets; A. C. Bates, Records of Rev. Ransom Warner, 1823-1844, Rector of St. Andrew's, Simsbury and Bloomfield; St. Peter's, Granby; St. John's, East Windsor, with Additional Records of Roger Viets.

ROGER VIETS, YALE GRADUATE

By Franklin Bowditch Dexter*

ROGER VIETS, the second of ten children of Captain John Viets, was born in that part of Simsbury, Connecticut, which is now East Granby, then known as Turkey Hills, on March 9, 1737-8. His grandfather, John Viets, a Dutch physician from New York, had purchased some of the territory in Simsbury on which copper mines were located, as a speculation, and removed thither. His mother was Lois, youngest child of Samuel and Rachel (Owen) Phelps, of Hartland, a neighboring town. One of his sisters was the mother of Bishop Alexander Viets Griswold, of the Eastern Diocese.

Roger Viets was sent to College with the design of being educated for the Congregational ministry; but while in College or soon after he was led to conform to Episcopacy,—a change in which eventually his entire family followed him.

As the winner of one of the Berkeley Scholarships he remained in New Haven for the year after graduation, and in June, 1759, was employed by the churchmen in

his native town as a lay reader, and after nearly two years' service in that capacity the parish proposed to the Venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel his appointment to the mission among them.

He visited Newport, Rhode Island, in June or July, 1761, just after having been inoculated for the small-pox in New York City, and in November took charge of the parish school connected with Trinity Church. Soon, however, he was back in Simsbury, whence he went to England for orders in January, 1763, though not the unanimous choice of the parish. He was ordained in March, and returned in June with a commission for his native town. That parish was already burdened with another, mentally broken-down minister, the Rev. William Gibbs, whose life continued until March, 1777; and partly for this reason Mr. Viets was so insufficiently paid* that

* He received £40 a year from England.

he was obliged to work as a farmer in the summer and as a teacher in the winter. His library is said to have been larger than that of any other Episcopal clergyman in the Colony. He was the only missionary in what is now Hartford County, and labored with such zeal that in 1774 the Episcopalians in Simsbury were more numerous than in any other towns in Connecticut, except Newtown and New Haven. His residence, as well as the church in which he ministered, was within the limits of the present town of Bloomfield.

In the period of the Revolution he was understood to sympathize with England, and as a punishment for assisting two British officers to escape from prison, and for traitorous correspondence with the enemy, he was fined by the Superior Court of the County in January, 1777, £20, and condemned to be imprisoned in the Hartford jail for one year. On his petition to the General Assembly in May he was set at liberty, but confined to the limits of Simsbury for the balance of the year and put under heavy bonds to avoid further charges.

Like many of his brethren, he found himself at the close of the war unable to secure an adequate support from his dwindled and impoverished flock; so that he was at length induced to accept the offer of a parish in Nova Scotia, with a continuance of aid from the Propagation Society. Accordingly, in May, 1786, he went to Digby, on the eastern bank of the Bay of Fundy, where he was inducted into the rectorship on August 28, the Rev. James Scovil (Y. C. 1757) assisting at the ceremony. No church was yet erected, and in October he returned to his old home and spent the winter there with his family. He left Connecticut again early in June, 1787, and arrived in Digby with his family on the 20th of the same month. He visited the States a second time in 1789, and it was not until January, 1791, that a church (of wood) was finally opened in Digby. His life there was interrupted by one more visit to his former flock, in June and July,

1800, and he died in office in Digby, on August 11 or 15, 1811, in his 74th year.

He married first Hester Botsford, who died on April 25, 1800, in her 47th year, and next at Kingston, New Brunswick, July 18, 1802, Mercy Isaacs. One of his two sons succeeded him in his rectorship; he had also six daughters.

He published:—

1. A Sermon [from Isaiah lxiii, 1-6], preached in St. Andrew's Church, Simsbury, in New-England, On April 9th, 1784. Being the Anniversary of the Crucifixion of Christ, commonly called Good-Friday. Hartford, 1787. 16°, pp. 15.
[B. Publ. C. H. S. (imperfect). Y. C.]
2. A Serious Address and Farewell Charge to the Members of the Church of England in Simsbury and the adjacent parts. Hartford, 1787. 8°, pp. 12.
3. A Sermon [from Hebr. x, 25], on the Duty of attending the Public Worship of God. Preached at Digby, Apr. 19, 1789. Hartford, 1789. 8°, pp. 18.

With the above, paged continuously, are the following:—

A Sermon [from Ex. xx, 16], on Censoriousness and Evil Speaking. Preached at Digby, Oct. 26, 1788. pp. 19-33.

A Sermon [from 2 Sam. xii, 22-23], Preached at the Funeral of Mr. William Huggesford, . . . at Digby, Jan. 7, A.D. 1789. pp. 35-43.
[B. Publ. C. H. S. Y. C.]

4. A Sermon [from 2 Cor. vi, 8-9] preached to the Ancient and Worshipful Society of Free and Accepted Masons, at their Anniversary Festival of the Blessed Evangelist St. John, 1792, in Trinity Church, Digby.—By the Reverend Brother Viets, Rector and Missionary. Halifax, 1793. 8°, pp. 14.
[B. Ath.]

5. A Sermon [from 2 Cor. iv, 3-4], preached in St. Peter's Church, in Granby, . . . on the 29th Day of June, 1800. Hartford, 1800. 8°, pp. 15.
[C. H. S. N. Y. H. S.]

A valedictory to his former flock.

6. A Sermon [from Acts xxiv, 5-6], preached before the Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, at Granby in Connecticut, called St. Mark's Lodge. On the 9th July 1800. By the Reverend Brother Viets. Hartford, 1800. 8°, pp. 12.
[C. H. S.]

An answer to calumnies against the Masons.

In 1893 the Records of his ministerial acts in Connecticut, so far as extant, were printed at Hartford (8°, pp. 84), under the editorship of Mr. Albert C. Bates.

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Phelps, Hist. of Newgate, 47. *Saline*,
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Udike, Hist. of the Narragansett
 Church, 402, 474. Viets Family, 9-11.

[The foregoing article is taken from Franklin Bowditch Dexter, Bio-graphical Sketches of the Graduates of Yale College with Annals of the College History, vol. II (May, 1745—May, 1763), N.Y., 1896, pp. 557-560.]

EARLY ECCLESIASTICAL DOCUMENTS—SIMSBURY AND GRANBY

[The important document given on the next two pages was written on the back of piece of ledger paper illustrated herewith.]

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Appearing to us the Subscribers that the Inhabitants of
the Village called Scotland in Symsbury in the Colony of
Connecticut in Testimony of their Zeal and Earnestness to Enjoy
the Benefits of Religion and Divine Worship as the same is taught
and performed in the Church of England have had Great Expence
and thro' some difficulty endowed a Church with a Glebe of
Fifty Acres of Clear improved Land and made some Beginning
towards erecting a Church thereon And whereas together with
their Laudable Zeal their Inability to carry on to a proper
Perfection the said Church with a Personage House on said
Lands had also been Represented to us and our Charitable
Assistance solicited by Mr James Crozier an Inhabitant of
said Place and by other proper Recommendations We have
therefore in Manifestation of our Affections -- towards the Good
Cause our Brethren of Symsbury are engaged in, paid over to the
hands of the said James Crozier and for the Uses aforesaid the
sums to several names Inscribed Affords given at Boston

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R. John Merrill	3
R. Samuel Wentworth	5
Pastor Wm. Luffus Green	3
Rev. J. A. Cook	3-06
Thos. Henshaw	8
Wm. Greaves	3
J. Downey	3
Wm. Coffin	3
Richardman paid	5
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E. Evans	1-00
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to R. D. Martin	1-07
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[Rhode Island Subscribers,
February 18, 1742]

Appearing to us the Subscribers that the Inhabitants of the Village called Scotland in Symsbury in the Colony of Connecticut Testimony of their Zeal and Sincerity to Enjoy the Benefits of Religion and Divine Worship as the same is taught and performed in the Church of England in great Experience and thro' some Difficulty endowed a Church with a Globe of Fifty Acres of Clear improved Land and made some Beginning towards erecting a Church thereon And whereas together with their laudable Zeal their inability to carry on to a proper Perfection the said Church with a Parsonage House on said Land has also been represented to us and our Charitable Assistance Solicited by Mr James Crozier an Inhabitant of said Place and by other proper Recommendations we have therefore in Manifestation of our Affections towards the Good Cause our Brethren of Symsbury are engaged in paid into the hands of the said James Crozier and for the Uses aforesaid the Sum to our Several Names Respectively Given at New York in Rhode Island February 18 1742.

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Ja Martin	2	-	-			
Tho. Vernon						

Mr. H. H. H.

Mr. Smith & Co.

Mr. W. W. W.

Mr. J. J. J.

Mr. G. G. G.

Mr. F. F. F.

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[Reverse of the foregoing]

Appearing to us the Subscribers, that the In-
 habitants of the Village called Scotland & Symsbury in the Co=
 of Long & Connecticut, in testimony of their zeal & earnestness to
 enjoy the Privileges of Religion, and Divine Worship, as the same
 is taught and performed in the Church of England, have at
 great Expense, and thro' some Difficulties, endowed a Church
 with a Plot of Fifty Acres of clear improved Land, and made
 some Beginnings towards erecting a Church thereon; and
 whereas together with their Lovable Parson, their inability
 to carry on to proper Perfection the said Church, with a
 Parsonage House on said Land, has also been represented
 to us, and our charitable Assistance solicited by M^r James
 Crozier, an Inhabitant of said Place, and by other proper
 Recommendates; We have therefore in Manifestation of
 our Affection towards the good Cause our Brethren of
 Symsbury are engaged in, paid into the hands of the said
 James Crozier, and for the Uses above, said the Sum to our

Several Names Respectively affixed; go
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ps.	Tho. Vernon	2	-	M. Swetling
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ps.	Walter Cranston	2	-	Geo. Go
ps.	Daniel Pyrault	2	-	John Inu
ps.	Henry Taggart	1	-	Nehemiah
ps.	Geo. Warton	5	-	Samuel
ps.	John Banister	10	-	Daniel
6	W. Coddington jun.	10	-	Ning Cha
ps.	Geo. Gibbs	5	-	Stephen
ps.	Capt. Joseph Scott	2	-	Don. Scott
ps.	Jahleel Brenton	10	-	Will. Pau
				George

*A Copy of the Settlement between Simsbury
and Granby Societies -*

Simsbury November 10th 1801

*On a Settlement made this day between the Church
Society of Simsbury & Granby and find due to the
Rev. Ambrose Todd two hundred & seventy one Dollars
& Eighty three Cents & the Society in Simsbury is to
pay to the said Rev. Ambrose Todd Sixty Eight Dollars
& ten Cents and the Society in Granby is to pay to the
said Rev. Ambrose Todd two hundred and three Dollars
& seventy two Cents, this is a full Settlement
between said Societies to this day witness our hands*

*Roger Moon } Comtee
Abner Vets }
Jona. Fishmont } Granby*

*George Lattimer } Comtee
Dutler Pinney } Simsbury
James Melborn }
Elph. A. Mottelshong } Treasurer
Granby
Simsbury*

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We the Subscribers being desirous to support the Gospel as the same is taught and performed in the Church of England and as the same that has been practised by our forefathers in the Village called Scotland in Simsbury they having been at great expence to purchase a Glebe of about fifty acres of land and Built a House in said Village near said land it being done by donation in the years 1742 & 1743 when said House was built, for the purpose of Meeting for publick worship that those people in said Village might enjoy the benefits of Religion all of which rights belongs to said Village. We the Subscribers being desirous to worship in the same time and manner as that practised by our Forefathers, but of late the above mentioned House has unjustly and unlawfully been pulled down and destroyed which was contrary to the minds of the people in said Village and contrary to the design of the original grantors of said Glebe. We therefore with anxiety in the great cause of our Holy Religion and in manifestation of our Zeal for that laudable purpose. We the subscribers jointly and severally promise to pay into the hands of Aaron Pinney Ariel Mitchelson Lot Pinney Jesse P. Holcomb the several sums respectively annexed to our names for the purpose of building or erecting a new House on the same ground that our old House stood and for the same use that our old House was built and said several sums to be paid as soon as the frame of said House is raised

Simsbury February 27th 1812

Henry Knight three
 Joseph Pinney three
 Joseph Pinney three
 Joseph Pinney three

Names -
 Ariel Mitchelson 50

Aaron Pinney 50
 George Barstow 50

William Holcomb 1
 Josiah Pinney 3
 Dea - five days

Subscription Paper,
 Papers concerning the
 Globe and Church at
 Scotland.

Ebenezer Barnard four
 days work framing
 Lectures Pinner three
 days work framing
 Solon Hays
 Lott Pinner
 to three days work

Simsbury the Thirtieth Day of April A. D. 1786.
 To the several Collectors for the Society of ~~Free~~ ^{Free}
~~was added~~ in Pinner, ~~was added~~
 Gentlemen
 PLEASE to Discharge W^m Uphalet Mitchell a Professor of
 the Episcopal Church, and acknowledged as such, and attending upon the
 service of said Church, and belonging to my Mission, from all the ministerial Rates
 in which you are Collectors. And this shall be your Discharge (for the same) from
 your future friend and humble servant

Roger Vick Missionary

The 1st of January 1777

Exchange for 15th Sterling.

at Nifty Day Eight after this my first Bill
 of Exchange my Second and Third of the same
 Tenor not being paid pay to the Treas^r Mr
 Roger Vick or order the Sum of £15 Sterling
 and here of I have given the Society proper
 advice

To our William Symonds at the first Print-
 office in the Inner Temple Treasurer

People to whom these Presents shall Come, greeting
 That, I Samuel Borman of Saybrook in the County
 of the Colony of Connecticut in New England
 Consideration of the Sum of one hundred pounds
 the old Enor Bill paid by Jonathan Cap & James Cap both
 of the County & Colony aforesaid
 In hand well & truly paid by

I Samuel Borman the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge
 To Give Grant Bargain Sell and Confirm unto the said
 Jonathan Cap & James Cap and their heirs & assigns forever the two
 following named Lands in this Instrument Defcribed viz one piece of land
 in Saybrook aforesaid & but & bounds South & west on the high Way, north
 on the River, East on land of the Widow Mary Mitchellson, be the number of
 acres more or less as also one piece of land in P. Simsbury which bounds
 North on the high Way, West partly on land of Timothy Adams and
 on land of William Cap, South & East on Land that belongs
 Church of England within which Boundaries is contained
 fifty acres of land more or less, with all the privileges
 & names thereto Belonging

have and to hold the above Granted & Bargained
 with the appurtenances thereto Belonging, unto
 Jonathan Cap & James Cap, their heirs & assigns for
 ever their own proper use and behoof and all theirs

I do for my self and my heirs Executors
 Administrators & assigns, That at & until the Expelling of these
 laws ~~was~~ well seized of the Premises as a
 fee simple Estate in fee Simple, and have good right to
 use & sell the same, in manner & form as is above written
 that the same is free of all Incumbrance whatsoever and
 to remove I the said Samuel Borman do by these presents bind
 my self & my heirs for ever to warrant & defend the above
 Granted and Bargained premises to them the P. Jonathan Cap &
 James Cap their heirs & assigns against all Claims and Demands
 whatsoever. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal

The Twenty first Day of Decr 1744 In the presence of
 our Sovereign Lord George the Second King &c. Anno Domini 1744
 Signed Sealed & Delivered
 In presence of us
 Joseph Talbot } Samuel Bemor
 John Barnard } Hertford in the County of Hertford
 on the 21st Day of December A.D. 1744
 Personally appeared Samuel Bemor the grantor
 Signer & Sealor of the foregoing Instrument
 & acknowledged the same to be his free
 act & Deed before Joseph Talbot Just. Peace

Deed recorded Dec. 22,
 1744 and entered at
 large in the Court at
 Simsbury, Deed Book 7,
 page 157, by Jn^o Hum-
 phry, Register.

January 7. A.D. 1777
 Exchange for Fifteen pound Sterling
 att thirty Days sight ^{after} ^{third} this my bill of Exchange
 my husband and self of the same tenor not being
 payed pay to the Rev. M^r Roger Viets or
 order the sum of Fifteen pound Sterling and
 here of I have given the Society proper advice
 To M^r William Symonds for at the First
 Fruits office in the Inner temple Treasurer

Land in Simsbury, Sold by Samuel Weman, to William Enos & Trustees
for the Church of England & at Scotland (so called). The first piece
by Estimation Twenty five Acres in length North, and South 114 Rods
and in breadth East, and West, 8. and Three Acres, and Seventy Rods, Lying
upon the same, this being part of the above said Twenty five Acres
and butts and bounds as followeth, viz: North partly on a highway or
Road South on the said William Enos's own Land, and East & Northwesterly
on a Road or Highway, and westerly on a piece of Land belonging to ^{Samuel} Weman
and last westerwardly on said Samuel Weman's own Land. — an other piece
of Land containing Twenty five Acres, in length East and West, Eighty
Rods North and South 114 Rods and four feet, butting & bounding
as followeth, viz: South on William Enos's own Land, North West on William
Enos's own Land, North on Samuel Enos's own Land, and East on the
aforesaid Twenty five Acres, which together ^{with the whole} makes fifty Acres of Land
be the same more or Less. See Book 7. Fol. 588.

Also one other Deed from said Samuel Weman — of an other piece of
Land lying at Scotland aforesaid containing about Three Acres & half of
Land more or less lying on the Side of the Mountain, on the North Side of
the Depriving to the aforesaid parcel of Land, and is bounded to the South
Land lately sold called the Globe, west on Land of William Enos, and
North on Land of said Samuel Weman,
East on the Globe Land, is in length Easterly and Westerly 72 Rods, and in
breadth Eight Rods, and eleven feet. Lib. 7. fol. 646.

Also one other piece of Land bought of William Enos, Trustees of the
Church of England & at Scotland, containing by Estimation Three Quarters of an Acre of ground more or less
bounding westerward, on the Globe Land, Northward Eastward and Southward
by the two Roads meeting together. Lib. 7. fol. 646.

To Capt Philip Wilkeson & Mr Deacy Brown Church
 Wardens in Newport. June 2. 1793.
 on acct of our Perseverance who have subscribed
 towards & Relief of our Church at Scotland & who
 I have admitt'd them to deliver their sermons
 to the above Gentlemen at Capt Wilkeson's church
 viz Capt Malbon 10:00:00 Speech to
 By Capt Jacob 10:00:00 Speech to
 Elder John Weston — P 10:00:00 Speech to
 + Mr John G. Boy 10:00:00 Speech to
 Mr John G. Boy 10:00:00 Speech to
 Mr William Munroe 10:00:00 Speech to
 Mr Andrew Hunter — P 2:00:00
 Mr Deacy Brown — P 4:00:00
 Mr Peter B. — P 10:00:00

Gentlemen, I humbly pray the above
 Perseverance either in Good or Money may be sent
 directed to me to Hartford to the care of Deacy Brown
 or to the care of Mr. Hall of Newport Easton
 This being of Request of
 Gentlemen
 your humble servant
 James Craigie

It now all Men by these Presents, that we whose names are underwritten
are held, and firmly bound to pay, or cause to be paid unto Roger Wilds A. B. of
Essexbury in the County of Hartford and Colony of Connecticut, in New-Eng-
land, the sum of thirty pounds of good and lawful Mo-
ney of Great Britain at and upon the Feast of the Nativity of Christ by every
equal yearly Payments; the first Payment to begin and be made on the Feast Day
of the Nativity of Christ which will be in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven-
hundred and sixty three.

And for which Payment well and truly to be made
we bind ourselves severally and each of us by himself, our heirs, Executors and Admin-
istrators; and of each of us jointly by these Presents, sealed with our seals.
The third Day of September, in the second Year of the Reign of the said George
the third, by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France & Ireland King, Defender of
the Faith.

And in the Year of our Lord 1762

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The Condition of this Obligation is such, that if
 for holy Orders, shall as soon as conveniently may be
 attain, and there receive holy Orders according to the
 as conveniently may be, after his having thus received
 officiate in the Office of a Minister, according to the
 then, so long, and untill orderly or providentially dispen-
 main in full force and Value; or else to be

Imiah Miller Joshua Holcomb

the above named Roger Viets A.B. being a Candidate
 transport or cause himself to be transported to Great-Bri-
 age and Ceremony of the Church of England, and as soon
 holy Orders shall return to Symsbury aforesaid and there
 rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England,
 sed or removed from said Charge, this Obligation to re-
 void and of none Effect.

Conrad Holcomb

Jos: Christian Miller

Seth Vane

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Thomas Griffen	Henry Vreth	John Veto
Daniel Admings	John Griffen	Delucan moses
Joseph Admings	Wm Moore	Mr Christa miller
Jonathan Admings	Condo on Holcomb	Witts Hillyer
Shirrelons	Joseph C. 2nd	Ranna Coffel
John Suring	Jonathan Hefley	Freusway Cossid
Reuben Slater	Joseph Admings	Abraham Vitol
Thomas Lister	Samuel Lister	Wm. Giffet
Nath. Holcomb	Amasa Cole	Joseph Adams
Samuel Cate	Elizah Adams	Simon Holcomb
Nath. Griffen	Hezekiah Holcomb	Josiah Holcomb

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To all Christian People to whome this present writing
shall come — Greeting — Know ye That I
Samuel Beamon of the Village named or Called
Scotland in the Town of Simsbury & County of Hartford
in New England for & in the Consideration of the Sum
of two hundred pounds Current money to me in hand
paid by Lieut William Eno & Mr William Case
Both of Simsbury afore said as they are Trustees
agents for the Gentlemen professing themselves
Members of the Church of England as by Law Established
In England in the Kingdom of Great Britain & now
begun & set up in the Village of Scotland afore said
and the rest of the Gentlemen members of said Church
the Receipt of which Sum I do hereby acknowledge
Myself therewith fully satisfied & Contented & do by
these presents forever acquit & Discharge the afore said
Eno & Case & the rest of the Gentlemen of the Church of
England afore said of every part of ^{Said} Sum have therefore
Bargained Sold assigned Set over Infeoffed Conveyed
& Confirmed to the Said William Eno & William Case as

Trustee agents as afore Said & to the rest of the Gentlemen
 professing them selves members of the Church afore Said
 in Scotland aforesaid Containing by Estimation twenty
 five acres of Land in Length north & South one
 Hundred & fourteen rods & in breadth East & West thirty
 Rods - and three acres & Seventy rods East upon the Same
 this being part of the above Said twenty five acres & butts &
 bounds as follows - viz. north partly on a highway or Road

2nd South on the said William Eno's own Land & East
 & northeasterly on a road or highway & westerly on a piece
 of land belonging to the same & Ends westerly on Said
 Samuel Beacons own Land - another piece of land
 Containing twenty five acres in length East & west Eighty
 Six rods in breadth north & South forty Seven rods &
 five feet butting & bounding as followeth viz. South on
 William Eno's own Land west on William Case's own Land
 North on Samuel Beacons own Land & East on the afore
 Said twenty five acres which together the whole makes
 fifty acres of land be the Same more or less - To have & to
 hold the afore mentioned Granted & Bargained premises
 with all the privileges profits advantages Benefits with all
 & singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging or
 appertaining to be to them the Said Eno & Case Trustee
 agents as afore Said & the rest of the Gentlemen
 members of the Church of England in Scotland afore
 Said for the proper use benefit & advantage privilege
 and profit of the Incumbent Rector or minister that
 may be obtained or appointed over the Church of
 England in Said Village of Scotland for Service as a
 Glebe or parsonage Land belonging to Said Church

forever without any power of alienation or Changing
 the ~~power~~ or use of said land for any other use or
 benefit of what nature or kind soever but to be & remain
 as a grave or parsonage land for the use and Benefit
 of said Church for ever in manor & form as here after
 Expressed viz. That is to say the said End & base
 Trustee agents as afore said & the rest of the Gentlemen
 of the Church afore said & their Successors being
 Regularly mett & Convened may from time to time &
 at all times nominate Impower & appoint two or more
 suitable persons in the room & Steade of the said End &
 base as trustee agents for the taking care using
 Improving & managing of said Land for the use & benefit
 as afore said untill a Rector or minister shall be
 appointed or ordained over said Church & the said
 End & base Trustee agents as afore said & their
 Successors shall from time to time & at all times be
 accountable to any person or persons deputed Chosen

^{3rd 13th}
 To be appointed by the members of the afore said Church
 for all the profits rents & revenues of said land untill
 an Incumbent minister shall be appointed or ordained
 as afore said & pay the same money & profits arising
 on said land to said person or persons so appointed by
 said Church which money shall be Improved or profits
 or Improvements arising on said land by said Trustee
 agents for the paying any ministers or ministers that may
 providentially be sent or come to the afore said Village
 to teach or preach to the members of the said Church
 according to the orders & votes of the major part of the
 members of said Church untill an incumbent

Ministers be appointed as afore Said & when an incumbent
 Minister be appointed & ordained minister of Said Church
 which is now begun & set up in Said Scotland as afore
 Said that then the Said parsonage or Gleabe of lands shall
 be Immediately in the possession & Improvement of the Said
 Incumbent to be to him Said Minister Incumbent for his
 own use benefit & profit advantage & privilege with all
 the singular appurtenances thereunto belonging or
 appertaining during the Continuance of Said Incumbent
 Minister as afore Said to teach & preach to the members of Said
 Church now set up in Said Scotland as afore Said to him &
 his successors in Said office Incumbent in Said place
 Over Said Church from Generation to Generation forever
 as their own proper Estate to use & improve as afore Said
 and when ever it may providentially Come to pass that
 there be no Incumbent belonging to Said Church by reason
 of death or otherwise that then from time to time & at all
 times the Gentlemen professing them selves members of the
 Church of England in Said Village of Scotland shall
 use improve occupy possess & Enjoy the afore Said Grants
 premises in maner & form as afore Said for the use and
 benefit as afore Said for the paying any minister or
 ministers that may providentially be sent to teach or
 preach to the members of Said Church untill an
 Incumbent minister be again appointed as afore Said
 then Said lands or granted premises to be & remain

4th to Said Incumbent in maner & form as afore Said and
 I the Said Samuel Beamon do for my self & my heirs

Covenant & agree to & with the Said End & Case Trustee agents
 as afore Said & the rest of the Gentlemen professing
 themselves members of the Church of England in Scotland
 afore Said for the consideration afore Said that I am the true
 Sole & lawfull owner of the afore Granted premises & that I
 am lawfully Seized of the Same in my own right untill
 the Insealing of these presents & that I have Good right &
 Lawfull authority to Sell & Convey the Same as in manner
 and form I have by these presents done & that the Said
 End & Case Trustee agents as afore Said & the rest of
 the Gentlemen professing themselves members of the
 Church of England afore Said & the ministers incumbent
 in Said Scotland may from time to time & at all times
 hereafter have holde use & occupie possess & Enjoy the
 afore Granted premises to him & them as his & theirs
 Own free Estate in fee for the use & benefit as afore
 Said of Generation to Generation forever without
 any in Ejection or molestation or hinderance
 from me or any other person or persons whome soever he
 and Clear of all manner of incumbrance of whatsoever
 nature or kind soever hereby Covenanting & ingaging
 to and with the Said End & Case Trustee agent as afore
 Said & the rest of the Gentlemen members of the Church
 afore Said & the incumbent ministers of the Said
 Church that man or shall be from time to time
 forever hereafter appointed or ordained over Said
 Church to warrant and defend the afore Granted
 premises (for myself & my heirs) against the lawfull
 Claims & demands of all persons whatsoever in witness

whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this
 32nd Day of November A. Domini 1742: in the
 Village Sothand — — — — — Samuel Bemor
 and a Seal memorandum: the words "(8 five feet)" between
 the 24th & 25th line in the first side were Enterlined
 before signing — — — — —

This Indenture Made this 21st day of July 1788 Between
 Timothy Miller Amos Case William Saxford & Committee
 Chosen & appointed by the Episcopal Society of Berkshire
 on the One part, and the prudential Committee of the Episcopal
 Society of St. Andrews in Sinsbury & parts Adjacent — on
 the Other part — Witnesseth — That Whereas the said Society of
 Berkshire at a legal society meeting held in Berkshire
 upon the 3rd Day of May 1788. Chose & Appointed the
 Timothy Amos & William to make & prefer a Petition to the
 said Society in Sinsbury — desiring and requesting that
 the Episcopal Society of St. Andrews would grant to them
 the Privilege and advantage of having the Rev. Mr. Ambrose
 Todd perform Divine Service to & amongst the Episcopal
 Professors of the Episcopal Church in Berkshire — One Eighth
 part of the time that the Rev. Mr. Todd shall continue in
 Holy Orders amongst and perform Divine Service in
 the Parish of St. Andrews in Sinsbury — Unless said Society
 in Berkshire shall Incur to such a number as they

shall be able to settle a Clergyman in Holy Orders in the
 Society in Parkhemstead — Or that the said Mr. Todd shall
 cease no longer to perform Divine Service at Parkhemstead
 or the Society shall otherwise agree — and The Society
 of St. Andrews at their Legal meeting held in the
 Church of St. Andrews upon the 12th Day of May 1851
 Voted that a Petition Preferred as aforesaid should be granted
 to the Rev. Timothy Amor. & William Hendley for themselves
 & the Society of Parkhemstead ^{or wife} to pay or cause to be paid
 The prudential Committee of the Society of St. Andrews
 Eight part of the sum of twenty five pounds lawfull
 Annually in the same manner & form as the Committee
 for the Settlement of the Rev. Mr. Todd have contracted &
 agreed with him for payment — In presence of that
 Indenture for the same being had —

During the Term of Time that the said Mr. Todd
 shall officiate & perform Divine Service to &
 in the Parrish in Parkhemstead — One eighth part
 of the Time in which Whereof We have hereunto
 Set our hand & Seal this Day & Date Above written

Timothy Miller

F. M. for } Wm. Maxford —
 } Amor Case —

Amasa Case

Elipha. Nuttallson

Prasway Copet —

[An early document that may be dated in the late 1700's or early 1800's:]

A statement Made by me Concerning the Glebe firstly I shall take into Consideration the Deed of the land from Sam^l Beman to those people in the village of Scotland profesing themselves to be of that order Call^d the Chirch of England and to no set of people in any differant part can have any Claim to this land. It is on this ground that I expect to justify myself for doing as I have in regard to the improvement of s^d land as for Calling that Scotland where the New Church House stands is vain, unjust, and untrue I appeal to you notwithstanding all that has been said I have heard you call that Duncaster more times than there ever was Barrels of Cider made on the Glebe in one year or Bushels of oats raised on sd land at any time Not withstanding all this I k[n]ow as you also know that those People have sued us and recovered against us I would turn your attention to our Psalmist pleas to Read the first part of the 74th Psalm in our prayerbook if that is not sufficient I would turn your attention to some of these same men who you now promote to take the lede see what they have done to some of our forefathers for nothing else only they were Chirchman If this is not sufficient I must continue to Call on that Almty being who is sufficient for all things as our Psalmist also Calls— my time is Short and cannot continue any further

I remain your &c

N B wishing your serious attention to these facts Believing that you will think that we ought not to be found guilty of cours[e] ought not to pay any thing—

Ariel Mitchelson

Tariffville Nov. 25^d 1855

Right Rev. John Williams D.D.

My Dear Bp.; You have at some time when here expressed your wish to obtain a copy of the original deed of the Glebe of St. Andrew's Church. A Copy of that duly signed, having fallen in my way, within a few days, I herewith send you a Copy. You will doubtless bear in mind that when that Glebe was purchased, and the deed drawn, Simsbury comprised the section of country

now known as Simsbury, Canton, Granby, & some at least, of the northern portion of Bloomfield.

The missionary's labors were not confined to "Scotland," a small eastern portion of Simsbury, but given to the whole "country round about"—they were even extended to Southwick in Mass. 10 miles from "Scotland". I presume there would be no difficulty in getting the use of the Glebe for this mission, when once in God's good providence, there may be a vacancy in St. Andrew's

With every Christian kindness towards my Revd. Brother, I must say, that every additional month brings urgent reasons why St. Andrew's should be vacant at once. I do not know whether services have been there of late. Our congregation loses nothing in numbers, or apparent interest.

I wish to ask if it is your intention to visit St. Andrews the coming winter? If so, may we expect your visitation of this Parish in the afternoon of the same day? I could have, I think, a few candidates for confirmation. Could we look for the visitation on some Sunday, if at all? Mr. Peck is doing us a good work in music. I will, with the Copy, send you an extract from the minutes of St. Andrews soc. at the time St. Peters Granby was formed into a church. I have some other old documents in my hands which, if possible, I will retain for your inspection.

The Volume which I hoped to get from Wilcox, I have not quite in full possession, but hope to have soon, and will send by Mr. Peck.

I have detained you too long by my introduction of the copy of the "Deed" &c, but believe me to be as ever,
Right Rev & Dear Sir,

Yours, very truly and faithfully

Henry H. Bates

P.S I have of late exchanged two letters with a young man hitherto unknown to me, who is thinking somewhat of giving himself to the ministry [of?] the church. He gives me his name "Benjamin F. Cooley," of East Granville, Mass. He is a relative of the "good old Parson Cooley" of that town. In due time I shall hope to send him with an introduction to the Bishops

The following extract may be of some use in showing that in the year 1798 Churchmen in this region deemed it agreeable to the spirit of the Deed of Glebe in 1742, to allow something for the support of services, from the profits of the Glebe, out of "Scotland village."

At a legal meeting of St. Andrews Society on the 19th day of November A. D. 1798.

"Voted and resolved by more than two thirds of the members of said church as follows, Viz. that all those members of this society who live in Granby, Hartland, Suffield, & that part of Windsor lying North of Windsor Ferry River so called be separated & set off from this society & to be called by the name of the Prot. Epis. Society of Granby, Hartland & parts adjacent, & members of the Ch. of St. Peters in Salmonbrook" (Granby Center).
 . . . "and furthermore in order that there should be no future disputes respecting Glebes or other property belonging to the church society in Simsbury, Granby and parts adjacent it is fully agreed and understood that the new soc. shall have and hold their equal proportion of all & singular rights uses & benefits to be appropriated to the support of our said Incumbent with the Soc. in Simsbury that are or shall be members of St. Andrews Ch. in the Glebes and property belonging to said society, and in full confirmation of this special contract & agreement we have caused the said to be recorded", &c, &c, &c.

(Copied from an old Copy in possession of Hugh Mitchelson)

H. H. B.

To all christian people to whom this present writing shall come——
 Greeting.

Know ye that I Samuel Beaman of the Village named or called Scotland in the Town of Simsbury and county of Hartford in New England for and in the consideration of the sum of two hundred pounds current money to me in hand paid by Lieut. William Enno & Mr. William Case both of Simsbury aforesaid as they are Trustee-Agents for the gentlemen professing themselves members of the Church of England as by law established in England in the Kingdom of Great Britain & now begun & set up in

the village of Scotland aforesaid and the rest of the gentlemen members of said Church the receipt of which sum I do hereby acknowledge myself therewith fully satisfied and contented and do by these presents forever acquit and discharge the aforesaid Enno & Case & the rest of the gentlemen of the Church of England aforesaid of every part of the said sum — have therefore bargained sold assigned set over enfeofed conveyed & confirmed to the said Enno and William Case as Trustee-agents as aforesaid and to the rest of the gentlemen professing themselves members of the Church aforesaid in Scotland aforesaid a certain peice of land situate in the village of Scotland aforesaid containing by estimation twenty five acres of land in length North & South one hundred and fourteen rods & in breadth East & West thirty rods—and three acres & seventy rods East upon the same this being part of the above said twenty five acres & butts & bounds as followeth viz. North partly on a high way or road—south on the said William Enno's own land & East and North-easterly on a road or a high way & Westerly on a piece of land belonging to the same and ends westerly on said Samuel Beaman's own land—
 Another piece of land containing twenty five acres in length East and West eighty six rods in breadth North & South forty seven rods & five feet butting and bounding as followeth viz. South on William Enno's own land West on William Case own land North on Samuel Beamans own land & East on the aforesaid twenty five acres which together the whole makes fifty acres of land to be the same more or less: To have & to hold the aforementioned granted & bargained premises withall the privileges profits advantages benefits with all & singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining to be to them the said Enno & Case Trustee-Agents as aforesaid and the rest of the gentlemen members of the Church of England in Scotland aforesaid for the proper use benefit and advantage privilege and profit of the Incumbent Rector or Minister that may be ordained or appointed over the Church of England in said Village of Scotland aforesaid as a Glebe or Parsonage land belonging to said church forever without any power of alienation or changing the property or use of said land for any other use or benefit of what nature or kind soever but to be and remain as a glebe or parson-

age land for the use & benefit of said church forever in the manner & form as hereafter expressed Viz. that is to say the said Enno & Case Trustee Agents as aforesaid & the rest of the gentlemen of the church aforesaid and their successors being regularly met and convened may from time to time and at all times nominate impower and appoint two or more suitable persons in the room and stead of the said Enno and Case as Trustee-Agents for the taking care using improving and managing of said land for the use and benefit as aforesaid until a Rector or Minister shall be appointed or ordained over said Church and the said Enno & Case Trustee-Agents as aforesaid and thier successors shall from time to time and at all times be accountable to any person or persons deputed chosen or appointed by the members of the aforesaid Church for all the profits rents & revenues of said land until an Incumbent Minister shall be appointed or ordained as aforesaid & pay the same money & profits arising on said land to the said person or persons so appointed by said church which money shall be improved or profits or improvements arising on said land by said Trustee-Agents for the paying any minister or ministers that may providentially be sent or come to the aforesaid village to teach or preach to the members of the said church according to the orders & votes of the Major part of the members of said Church until an Incumbent Minister be appointed as aforesaid and when an Incumbent Minister be appointed & ordained Minister of said church which is now begun & set up in said Scotland as aforesaid that then the said Parsonage or glebe of lands shall be immediately in the possession and improvement of the said Incumbent to be to him said Minister Incumbent for his own use benefit & profit advantage and privilege with all the singular appurtenances thereunto belon[g]ing or appertaining during the continuance of said Incumbent Minister as aforesaid to teach and preach to the members of said church now set up in said Scotland as aforesaid to him and his successors in said office Incumbent in said place over said church from generation to generation forever as their own proper estate to use and improve as aforesaid — And whenever it may providentially come to pass that there be no Incumbent belonging to said Church by reason of death or otherwise that then from time to time and at all times the gentlemen professing themselves members of

the Church of England in said village of Scotland shall use improve occupy possess and enjoy the aforesaid granted premises in manner and form as aforesaid for the use and benefit as aforesaid for the paying any minister or ministers that may providentially be sent to teach or preach to the members of said church until an Incumbent minister be again appointed as aforesaid then said land or granted premises to be and remain to said Incumbent in manner and form as aforesaid and I the said Samuel Beaman do for myself and my heirs covenant and agree to and with the said Enno and Case Trustee-Agents as aforesaid and the rest of the gentlemen professing themselves members of the Church of England in Scotland aforesaid for the consideration aforesaid that I am the true sole and lawful owner of the aforesaid granted premises and that I am lawfully seized of the same in my own right until the en sealing of these presents and that I have good right and lawful authority to sell & convey the same as in manner & form I have by these presents done and that the said Enno & Case Trustee-Agents as aforesaid and the rest of the gentlemen professing themselves members of the Church of England aforesaid & the minister Incumbent in said Scotland may from time to time & at all times hereafter have hold use and occupy possess and enjoy the afore granted premises to him and them as his and their own proper estate in fee for the use and benefit as aforesaid from generation to generation forever without any eviction ejection or molestation or hinderance from me or any other person or persons whomsoever free and clear of all manner of incumbrances of whatsoever nature or kind soever hereby covenanting and engaging to and with the said Enno & Case as Trustee-Agents as aforesaid and the rest of the gentlemen members of the church aforesaid and the Incumbent Minister of the said that may or shall be from time to time forever hereafter appointed or ordained over said church to warrant and defend the afore granted premises (for myself and my heirs) against the lawful claims & demands of all persons whatsoever.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 22nd day of November Anno Domini 1742

Samuel Beaman [SEAL]

Signed, sealed & delivered in presence

of us Robert Brough, James Crozier,
Jno. Humphrey and Joshua Matson.

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Simsbury 19th March 1787

Hartford County ss— In Simsbury November 22^d 1742: personally appeared Mr. Samuel Beaman the above named grantor & acknowledged the above written & foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed for the use there in mentioned before me Jno. Humphry, Just. Peace
Entered November 22nd, 1742.—

A true Copy of Record examined by me
Benjamin Ely. Town Clerk
Simsbury April 8th 1812
(Book 6th, page 587 & onwards)

(The above is an exact copy of a copy, of the original, now in the hand of Mr. Hugh Mitchelson, near Tariffville.

Henry H. Bates
Rector of Trinity Parish,
Tariffville

Tariffville Nov. 22nd A.D. 1855

Tariffville June 8, 1885

Rev. William F. Nichols,

Dear Sir, -

My brother has, today handed me a letter that he received from you requesting the original subscription paper of St. Andrew's Church. Looking through all the old papers I have, I find that the enclosed are all that I possess which relate to the foundation of St. Andrew's parish. Probably there have been many destroyed that my Father once possessed, but I think you may find some information in these. When I come to the city, I will call upon you and impart to you any information that I can.

Respectfully yours

Elizabeth Mitchelson.

UNGATHERED LETTERS OF ROGER VIETS

[The following is taken from a copy. The original is now in the Massachusetts Diocesan Library, 1 Joy Street, Boston 8, Mass.]

Rev.^d Dear sir

I reached home the 2nd Day after my leaving your House, since which Time I have had almost constant Sickness in my Family and have buried an Infant Daughter.

Having been disappointed as yet in procuring a Vessel to carry me to Nov. Scot. I wish for your Advice whether it would not be best for me to send my moveables to Boston by water and move myself, Family & Stock by Land to Boston, and get a Passage from Boston to the Mason [? Bason] of Annapolis. Pray inform me how much a Passage from Boston would cost. (About 8 or 9 Persons of which 4 are Children 4 or 5 Head of Cattle an ordinary Quantity of Household Goods & Provision for one year) But do not make any Bargain because perhaps my Friends in New York or on the Connecticut Sound will yet procure a Passage for me. Are there not fishing Vessels of about 50 or 60 Tons going towards the Bay of Fundy or Vessels going for Lumber to Passamaquoddy, which would carry me cheap. When I get to Quoddy 'tis but 12 Hours Sail to Digby. I think I shewed you my Permit, such as it is, from Gov.^r Parr to bring in my Family and Effects to Nov. Scot. from Connecticut, & I asked your Advice about coming by Land to Boston and taking Passage there as afores^d and I think you rather advised against it; but I would be glad of your Opinion more fully & maturely. Whilst I am waiting for a Passage at Boston, I would keep myself & Family a few Miles out of Town.

Suffer me to trouble you with one further Particular, That you would be so kind as to insert in your Letter to me p.^t Col. Pitt a Copy of a Paragraph of a Letter you wrote to the Society or some Friend in London a few years ago, and which you read to me once. The Part I want is only what respected the Missions at Hopkinton & Cambridge & as nearly as I can remember was this in substance "The Congregation at Hopkinton is intirely dispersed and the Church become a Dwelling House- The Church at Cambridge much in the same Condition, M^{rs} Serjeant is unwell and helpless, and has pawned the Communion Plate weighing ____ Oz for ____ Pounds ____ Shillings ____."

The Reason of my desiring this Extract is that a Gentleman & I were

talking a few Days past about these Churches, and he did not seem to credit my Account. You may depend that no other Use shall be made of your Extract than to convince this Gentleman of my Veracity, for he is an intimate Friend, whom I greatly esteem.

We had a very full Convention at Wallingford y^e 27 ult., the chief Business done was to agree to send a second Brother home for Consecration. They chose M^r Leaming, he declined— then M^r Mansfield he declined. I came away before they made a 3rd Choice, but I believe it was likely to fall [on] M^r Hubbard.

They agreed to make a new Prayer-Book and chose a Committee therefore. I imagine they have not agreed on a new Bible as yet. To see the Church of England mangled, insulted, crucified, not between 2, but between a Dozen of— I know not what—is a bitter Pill to your most sincere Friend, most loving Brother and obedient, humble Servant

Roger Viets.

Rev.^d M^r Parker.

[Letterfold addressed
as follows:]

To
M^r Eliphalet Mitchelsone
at Simsbury
in Hartford County
Connecticut
New England. 8
forw^{dd} by
Col. Kerr.

Digby in Nova Scotia 10th Decem^r
1798.

Dear Sir

A few Days ago I rec^d your kind Letter dated Sept^r 5th 1798, and yesterday, I rec^d your other Letter dated 10th October 1798. on the same Sheet with the Rev^d M^r Todd's Letter, for which I thank you & M^r Todd.

I am extremely sorry for your Infirmary & Distress on Account of your Lameness, which I hope You will bear with Christian Patience & godly Resignation, & I pray that God in due Time will give You Relief. In him You must put your Trust & Confidence.

I desire also to Sympathize with you in your temporal Losses by the Ol-

cotts and Cap^t Charles Case &c. I hope for the future you will take good Care whom you trust for large Sums.

Please to inform M^r Todd that I am extremely obliged to him as well as you for the Information concerning Church Affairs, as I am anxious always to hear of the Prosperity of the Church. Pray what Griswold does M^r Todd call a Justice of the Peace?

M^r William Case was here lately and informed me of many particulars of the Western Part of my former Mission.

I had never rec^d till your Letter the least Intimation that the Strap was sold. I am sorry it is sold, tho' I doubt not those who sold it did it with Intention to oblige me and for that Reason I thank them. Will you be so good in your next as to inform me when it was sold; for what Price; How Payment is to be made What Security you have for the Payment; Whether the Interest is to be paid yearly; whether the Men who are obligated for the Payment are perfectly responsible; whether one or more are bound; and indeed every Particular requisite for me to know. By the Hints you give me concerning the Strap Meadow I presume the Interest is to be paid yearly; if so please to let them know that I expect the Interest Money to the present Time soon. And if they do not pay it soon oblige them to do it. And the same Annually. If they cannot pay such a small Sum yearly how can they ever expect to be able to pay the Principal. I cannot afford to lose it. I have lost enough already by foolish Delays. I shall, I fear, have the same Complaint to make of them, that you have of Cap^t Charles Case, if I do not look out in Season. I suppose it is two of Cap^t John Case's sons that have bought it. If they are not able to pay for it and will deed it back to me I am content, they paying a reasonable Rent for the Time they have used it. In short, I desire of you as a sincere Friend to see that the Principal is well secured, & the Interest punctually paid annually. Which having received, be so good as to send the Money by a safe Hand to the Reverend D^r Samuel Parker at Boston. You may find Opportunities very often from Hartford or Windsor &c. Likewise if you wish to write to me send the Letter by the same Hand to the Care of D^r Parker. But if you cannot get such Opportunity to write to me; do not fear Cost of

Postage, for I will pay it all; I shall never think hard of paying Postage for a Letter from such a Friend as you.

Relative to Notes left in your Hands. Please to deliver up M^r Nathaniel Humphry's Note. I do not wish him to pay it— M^r Elnathan Alderman's is paid to M^{rs} Viets. —M^r Aninah Moore's two Notes were justly due, please to inform me when how & to whom they were paid— And be so good as to inform me how Elisha Griswold J^r Account stands with me or let him write me. I suppose 100 Bushels of the Rye I rec^d came from him— What has become of Abner Viets's Note which was in M^r Farnham's Hands— 'Tis probable that Lemual Kilbourn's Note is paid to Brother Griswold's Sons, if so they must give me Credit for it unless they have already done it— See that Elisha, Alexander & Ezra Griswold's Note of £23. is allowed to me in their Statement of their Account with me.

Will you please to inform me of all these Things in your next. You may sit & dictate & let Eliphalet write, if you are not well enough to write much. Ezra & Roger have sent me a Statement of their Accounts; desire my Brother Abner to do the same. Abner Viets refers me to the Receipts; but I have had some Articles of him; And I wish he would send me such Statement as Ezra & Roger have done, please to tell him so. I have rec^d sundry Letters from Ezra full of the most abusive, offensive Language. But Elisha J^r writes very handsome & friendly. I wish for another Letter from Elisha, I will pay the Postage. I had many Enquiries to make concerning M^{rs} Mitchelsone, John, Eliphalet, Martin, Howard, Susann, Arispa and Elizabeth, I forgot Ariel. But Paper fails me. Give my Respects of all Friends especially my Mother, Brother Griswold's & M^r Todd & Family. May God bless you

Farewell Roger Viets.

M^r Elphahalet Mitchesone

[Letterfold addressed on the outside as follows:

To
M^r Elphalet Mitchelson
at Simsbury
in the County of Hartford
in Connecticut

By M^r David Basset.
New England
America.

N.B. M^r Basset is desired to send

this Letter to Springfield, or Hartford or Suffield or Windsor or Westfield or Middletown or any other Place near Simsbury.

[Postal cancellation: Prov. R. I.
Mar 24]

Digby in Nova Scotia 30th October
1799.

To M^r Eliphalet Mitchelson.

Dear Sir.

About a Fortnight ago I received a Letter from M^r Freeman Graham, which is the last I have received from those Parts: But M^r Graham did not tell a Syllable how my Relations & Friends were in Simsbury or whether they were dead or alive.

By Cap^t James Moody my Neighbour I have written Letters to my Brother Abner, to Alexander, to Ezra, to yourself, to the Rev^d M^r Todd and to the said Freeman Graham; Cap^t Moody is going to Boston and from thence to New York by Land, and I desired him to leave all these Letters with young M^r Sam^l Marsh of Hartford, who married a Miss Jones, whose Brother & Sister are my Neighbours. If any Expence of Postage should fall on M^r Marsh, tell Elisha Griswold J^r to pay it to M^r Marsh and charge it to me. In those I wrote Lengthy, insomuch that I have not much more to write at present.

This Letter I send by one David Basset who has promised to forward it by a private hand without Postage, but should any Postage accrue I will discount it wth any who owe me if they will pay it you.

Will you be so kind as to notify the Persons above named that I have written very particular to them in Case the Letters by Cap^t Moody should fail, and thank M^r Freeman Graham in particular for his Care and Discretion used in my Affairs, by which he saved a considerable from being lost to me.

If I can possibly go to Simsbury next Spring or Summer I intend, God willing to go there; should I go, I wish those who owe me to pay me each of them a little Money that I may get enough to bear my Expences. I wish they would exert themselves to get a little Money for me, altho' Money is scarce. Will you please to tell Elisha & Ezra and my Brother Abner Viets of this.

I should be glad they would save
some Garden Seeds for me, especially
some Cucumber Seeds & some Apple Seeds
to plant a Nursery.

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Doubtless they have received Account
in my former Letters that I had received
the four Hundred Bushels of Rye last
Year from different Persons, and the Two
Ploughs which Elisha sent me. Elisha
offered to abate in the Price of the
Rye, but I will allow him the whole
Price I offered.

As I said in my other Letters I beg
You would use the utmost Care to secure
the Money for which the Strap was sold
& indeed all my other Debts.

Please to give my best Respects &
Duty to my honored Mother; and tell her
that if I undertake the Voyage next Sum-
mer it is in great Measure to see her.

I am heartily sorry for your Lame-
ness & hope it will please God to re-
store you to Your Health.

I hope you will receive your Let-
ters by Cap^t Moody before you receive
this

Give my Respects to all my Friends
to the Holcombs, the Pinnys, the Moores,
the Aldermans the Cases the Terrys
the Fullers the Slaters, the Lomisses,
the Enos s, the Viets s the Griswolds
the Clarks and all Friends I remain
your sincere Friend & humble Servant

Roger Viets

Mr Eliph^t Mitchelson

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To
Mr Eliphalet Mitchelson
at Simsbury
in Hartford County
Connecticut
New England
forwarded by
Col. Hens

To
Mr Eliphalet Mitchelson
at Simsbury
in the County of Hartford
in Connecticut
New England
America.
By Mr
David Basset.
MAR 24
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